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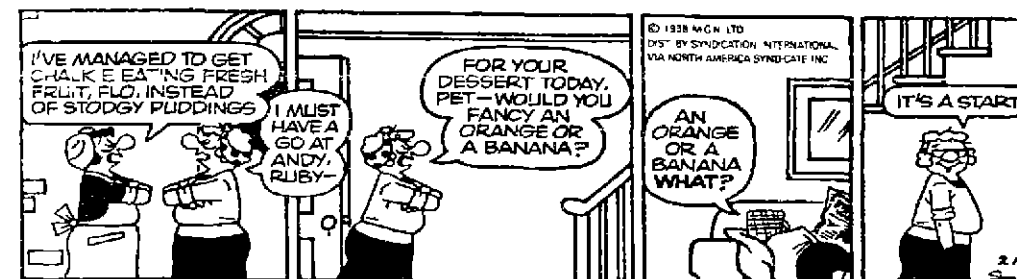
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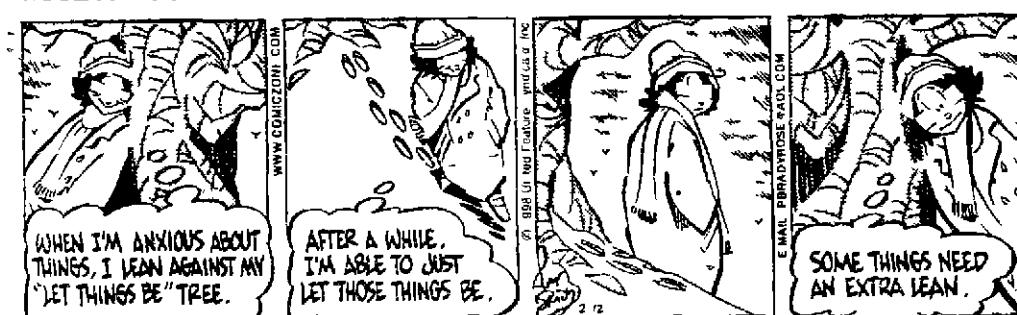
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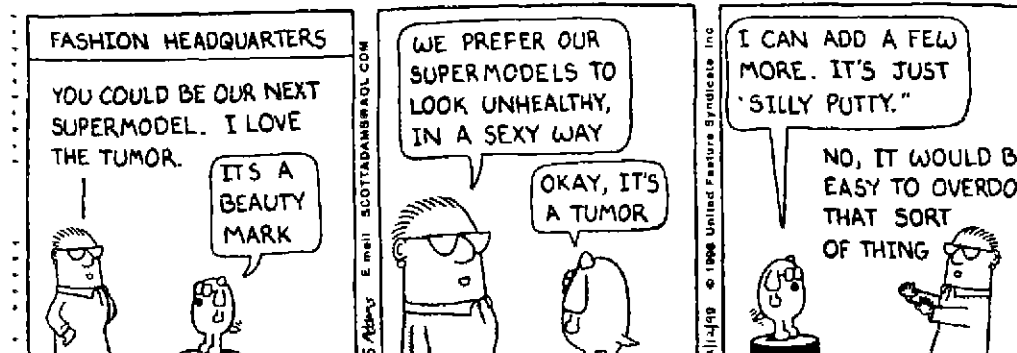
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, Feb. 13, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Stop being so superstitious! A date on a calendar is merely that.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) There are assignments to fulfill. If you don't apply yourself, you could end up putting in some extra hours on the job.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You make the right decision concerning a family matter. In fact, you are so firm and sure about it, others naturally follow your lead.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You can't simply wish things done. You have to roll up your sleeves and get to work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A situation at work requires your particular style of management. Once you've straightened this out, everyone works together.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You'll get more done if you stop looking over your shoulder.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You're unprepared for the situation that crops up on the job.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You need to exercise some self-control when a testy co-worker tries your patience. Simply let this person stew in his own juices.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Don't fall for that alarmist talk. There's no conspiracy against you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Some experience a stroke of luck, such as winning a game or contest.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You'll get more done if you simply slow down. Racing through your chores could lead to sloppy mistakes.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

Rodeos

A T B Q O M J H F C N A Y W U
R P A N B L J S H F O E R D B
Z X R V U T E R Q O I M E K K
I H E S L V E V E N T S C U F
D B B Z L (C H A M P I O N S) Q
Y W A A S R E E T S T C U E V
T R C Q Q O I N E S E N G S L
K I K P H F D G E C P O N R A
Z X I W V U D V W S M R N O R
Q N O N M U I K J O O B A H I
G H F E J L D T I U C R I C B

Wednesday's unlisted clue: TAXES

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: NO SADDLE

Announcer: Champions, Events, Queen
Broncos: Circuit, Horses, Roping
Bulls: Competition, Judges, Steers
Calves: Cowgirls, Livestock

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For solution, see Classified.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0101

- ACROSS**
- Field
 - String
 - Conjointly
 - Rossini subject
 - Craig of the N.B.A.
 - Split
 - Alaska's first governor
 - Ones born in late July
 - Floor, in a way
 - Clothing salesman's greeting
 - With 12-Down, eyeglasses
 - Cabin attendant, once
 - Merganser
 - Sandlot game
 - Be of good cheer
 - Basic rhyme scheme
 - a high note
 - Shopper's reply to the salesman
 - Pastiches
 - Beer buy
 - Old-fashioned fighting force
 - Clod
 - Not taken in by
 - Netanyahu of Israel
 - Like "The X-Files"
 - Clothing salesman's reply
 - Words of recognition
 - Tahiti and others
 - Western tie
 - Exercise
 - Undercover worker
 - He had designs on Jackie
 - "Semi-Tough" actress
 - Spoils
 - Be impudent
- DOWN**
- "Resume speed," to a musician
 - Get back
 - Comic Booster
 - Magnetic alloy
 - Cast leader
 - Current regulator
 - Up in the air
 - More ritz
 - See (Amu Darya's outlet)
 - 90's TV family, with "the"
 - Eggs
 - See 23-Across
 - Helm heading
 - "Abbey Road" song
 - Part of a flock
 - Knee concealer
 - 37 Down's concern
 - Memorable puzzle editor

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ADD OSMAN SPIRIT
LEA RHODE ARENA
LEVY LOVE OF ABLA
BOO ERIN ALTARS
INFLATE BRIE
BONY TAME FED
CORPS NECESSARY
ODEA SENOR TRON
BOATLOADS REESE

ACTH BRIEFLY
GLADTO AND BEE
LIFE OF SPICE IMA
EARS ASHER LAT
EMOTE DEEDS LYS

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Today's East was on the right track in his search for the setting trick. East's ace took dummy's spade queen, and it was

West's fourth-best spade
deuce implied that their side
had no second defensive win-
ner in spades, and the deuce
couldn't reasonably be a
singleton. Dummy's imposing
diamonds eliminated hopes in
that suit, leaving only trumps
and clubs. It seemed futile to
hope for West to hold two
trump winners, so East's
most rational aim for three
more tricks was to score one
trump (in West's hand), the
club ace and a club ruff. If he
leads his ace and another
club, South escapes defeat.
Dummy wins and South plays
his ace and another trump to
avoid a possible club ruff by
East. No danger there. West
wins his trump trick, but it's
the last trick for the defense.

A much better switch at trick
two is a low club instead of the
ace. It wins whenever West holds
K-x, might win when West holds
the queen, and will win when
West holds any doubleton in clubs
plus a quick trump trick. In
today's layout, dummy's club jack
wins East's shift, but when
South plays his ace and another
trump, West wins and leads a
club to East's ace. East returns
a third club, and the crucial club
ruff beats the game.

WEST
♠ 10 6 4 2
♥ K 7 4
♦ 8 7 5 3
♣ 10 2

EAST
♠ A J 9 5
♥ 3
♦ 10 9 4 2
♣ A 9 6 3

SOUTH
♠ 8 3
♥ A Q 10 8 5
♦ K 6
♣ K Q 8 5

Vulnerable Both

Dealer South

The bidding

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Spade deuce

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge America: Saturday evening, 1 NS, Allene Huntley, Don Paulus, 2 NS, Dennis Cleary, Diana Cleary, 1 EW, Bill Barrington, Bill Pennington, 2 EW, Judy Bailey, Carmen Swenson

The Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first, Tiz Murphy, Ruth Richner, second, Allene Huntley, Cameron Ross. Sunday evening, first, Sharon Ausman, Mike Walsh, second, Mary Walsh, Cornelia Yoder, Monday morning, first, Sharlene Kostichka, Doug Lyon, second, Ralph Carney, Allene Huntley, Monday evening, first, Dennis Cleary, Julie Sunser, second, Barbara Fairbank, Jim Ineich, Tuesday evening, first, Dick Stenbugler, Wayne Wilson, second, Howie Cring, Carl Hileman, Wednesday evening, first, Bill Barrington, Gerta Freemark, second, Sharon Ausman, Allene Huntley, Thursday morning teaching game, 1 NS, Louis Bashaw, Donna Haskins, 2 NS, Joe Myers, Sarah Myers, 1 EW, Betsy Stone, Jim Stone, 2 EW, Ann Taylor, At Wistrup: Thursday evening, first, Sharon Ausman, Allene Huntley; second, Don Paulus, Cameron Ross, Friday morning, first, Julie Sunser, Larry Sunser; second, Judy Everts, Don Paulus, Friday evening, first, Judy Everts, Mike Walsh, second, Mark Bowick, Sharlene Kostichka.

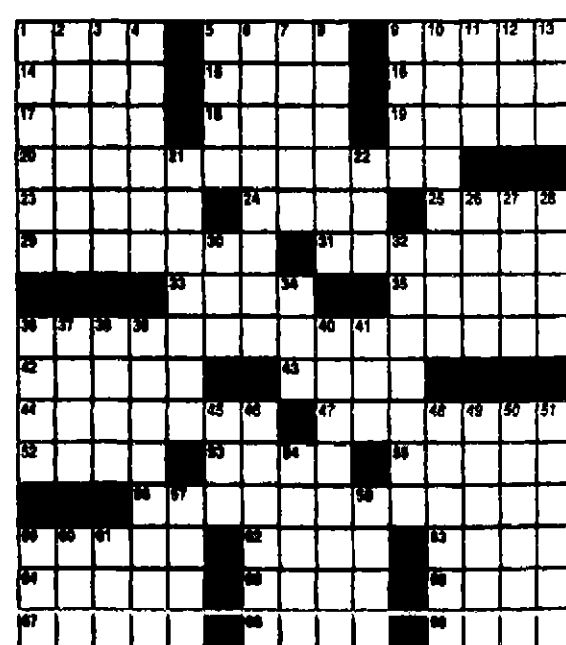
Concord Aces: Monday morning, 1 NS, Jane Hackbarth, Bib Letham, 2 NS, Dot Joiner, Clo Morris, 1 EW, Fran McCarthy, Gerry Wurdinger, 2 EW, Harold Epoch, Katherine Worthen.

Stoneshedge: Tuesday morning, 1 NS, Ann Divers, Sally Wright, 2 NS, Judy Butcher, Helene Gove, 1 EW, Mary Bills, Marge Nelson, 2/3 EW, Marie Rothbauer, Louise Staring, Harriet Keorowski, Bernice Williams

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Movie director **Franco Zeffirelli** is 75. Baseball Hall-of-Fame sportscaster **Joe Garagiola** is 72. Sen. **Arlen Specter**, R-Pa., is 68. Basketball Hall-of-Famer **Bill Russell** is 64. Rock musician **Ray Manzarek** (The Doors) is 63. Actor **Joe Don Baker** is 62. Author **Judy Blume** is 60. Country singer **Moe Bandy** is 54. Actress **Maud Adams** is 53. Actor **Cliff DeYoung** is 53. Actor **Michael Ironside** is 48. Rock musician **Steve Hackell** is 48. Actress **Joanna Kerns** is 45. Actor and former talk show host **Arsenio Hall** is 43. Actress **Christine Elise** is 33. Singer **Chynna Phillips** is 30. Actress **Christina Ricci** is 18.



Puzzle by Jim Page

- 30 Certain muscles, informally
- 32 Ringmaster?
- 34 Telly option
- 36 — contendere
- 37 Mr. Greenspan
- 40 Ken Griffey Jr. stat
- 42 Protests
- 44 Sappho's home
- 46 Interstice
- 48 Lunar trenches
- 51 Clears, in a way
- 54 Charter member?
- 57 Food stamp agency
- 58 Naut. law enforcers
- 59 Punching tool
- 60 Run

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